

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Applicant: Aaron Lewis

Atty. Docket No. Lewis/Integrat

Application No.: 10/533,904

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For: INTEGRATED SIMULATION FABRICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF
MICRO AND NANO OPTICAL ELEMENTS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, which was mailed on July 31, 2009, attached is a replacement copy of the Response filed on June 15, 2009 which includes a full name S-signature.

For the record, Applicant's attorney respectfully disagrees that the use of initials as an S-signature is improper. MPEP § 502.02 clearly indicates that while it is preferred that the S-signature be the signer's full name, this is not a requirement:

“While an S-signature need not be the name of the signer of the document, the Office strongly suggests that each signer use an S-signature that has his or her full name. The Office expects that where persons do not sign with their name it will be because they are using an S-signature that is the usual S-signature for that person, which is his or her own signature, and not something that is employed to obfuscate or misidentify the signer.”

Regardless of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney is resubmitting the Response with the full name S-signature to avoid any further delays in prosecution of the subject application.

No fee is believed due for this filing. However, if any fees are due, they are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 10-1213.

Respectfully Submitted,

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